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Senior Airman Johnny Flores, a Network Manager, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, runs a fiber optic cable to the commercial network router here Thursday. Airman Flores is native to Houston, and is deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia)

Organizational structure, change

By Lt. Col. Brandon Clint
379th Aerospace Medicine Chief

I have been at the "Grand Slam" Wing for three weeks and I am impressed by the level of professionalism and dedication to duty I have witnessed.

One of our duties as Airmen and Joint and Coalition partners is maintaining the ability to flex and change with our environment. The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing is at a crossroads as it transforms from a purely expeditionary environment to one with an enduring mission.

Managing change in any large organization can be challenging for both leaders and followers. We all have our part to play and there are some general principles which help organizations through these times of transition. These principles are valuable for supervisors at any level.

Teams derive direction from their leader. As a supervisor, your team will watch to see if your actions follow your words. What you publically pay attention to in regards to policy, regulations and standards will set the tone of your organization.

How supervisors respond to stress, organizational crisis or unanticipated events will lay the framework for how the team responds to such events. A supervisor who loses their temper, freezes under pressure or shoots the messenger is giving the green light for their followers to do the same.

Leaders and supervisors should be proactive in modeling their team through teaching and coaching. Taking the time to do so shows you care about both the organization and your team members professionally. This is your opportunity to pass on your good habits and not your bad ones. Teaching and showing them how to "do it right" pays dividends now and in the future.

Be certain criteria for recognition and awards match what you pay attention to publically. Your followers will watch with razor focus to verify those you award match your public and written mission statements. When you are off target, they will see it even if you do not.

Finally, the criteria you set for promotion or recruitment must be aligned with the principles noted above. Favoritism or even the perception of favoritism to certain individuals or units undermines your ability to lead change. A supervisor can unravel the good they have accomplished by promoting an unworthy individual. Again, when you are off target, your team will see it.

As you manage change in your organization, remember your actions speak loudly and your team will be watching. In many respects, they will mimic your actions. If you can lead by example, teach with interest, coach with heart and reward on merit, then your team will follow. This is an exciting time to be a part of the "Grand Slam" Wing as the Global War on Terrorism flexes and changes. Be a part of that change while you are here.



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New President focuses on Iraq during first full day

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

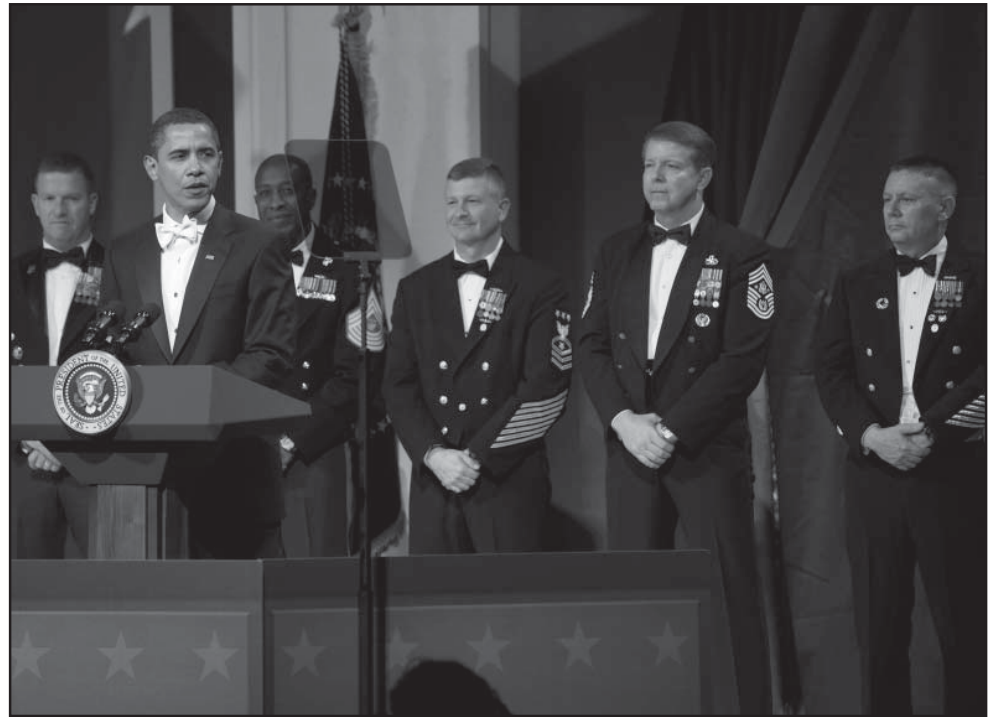
WASHINGTON — As President Barack Obama assumes the role of commander in chief, one of the stated items on his list of priorities is to shape the U.S. military for the 21st century.

As a junior U.S. senator, Obama, a graduate of Harvard Law School and the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, was a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He fought to help veterans get the disability pay they were promised while working to prepare the Veterans Affairs Department for the thousands of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the president-elect's Web site, www.change.gov.

Obama's early exposure to military culture came from the maternal grandparents who helped to raise him during his adolescent years in Honolulu. His grandfather, Stanley Armour Dunham, enlisted in the Army during World War II and served under Gen. George S. Patton while his wife, Madelyn Lee Payne Dunham, worked on a bomber assembly line.

The president-elect has said that America's greatest military asset is the men and women who wear the uniform of the U.S. armed forces.

"When we do send our men and women into harm's way, we must also clearly define the mission, prescribe concrete political and military objectives, seek out the advice of our military commanders, evaluate the intelligence, plan accordingly, and ensure that our troops have the resources, support, and equipment they



Surrounded by each services senior enlisted advisor, President Barack Obama addresses the audience at the Commander-in-Chief's Ball at the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009. The ball honored Americas servicemembers, families of the fallen and wounded warriors. (DoD photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley)

need to protect themselves and fulfill their mission," he told the Chicago Foreign Affairs Council in April 2007.

One of the stated goals of Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden is to "invest in a 21st century military." To this end, the incoming administration has laid out the following focal points on its Web site:

-- Rebuild the Military for 21st Century Tasks: Obama and Biden plan to build up special operations forces, civil affairs, information operations and other units and capabilities that remain in chronic short supply; to invest in foreign language training, cultural awareness, and human intelligence and

other needed counterinsurgency and stabilization skill sets; and to create a more robust capacity to train, equip, and advise foreign security forces so allies are better prepared to confront mutual threats.

-- Expand to Meet Military Needs on the Ground: Obama and Biden support plans to increase the size of the Army by 65,000 Soldiers and the Marine Corps by 27,000 Marines to help units retrain and re-equip properly between deployments and decrease the strain on military families.

-- Leadership from the Top: Obama and Biden plan to inspire a new generation of Americans to serve their

country, whether it be in local communities in such roles as teachers or first responders, or serving in the military to keep the nation free and safe.

-- Lighten the Burdens on Troops and Their Families: The administration plans to create a Military Families Advisory Board to provide a conduit for military families' concerns to be brought to the attention of senior policymakers and the public. They've promised to end the "stop-loss" policy that allows servicemembers to be retained beyond the term of their enlistment and to establish predictability in deployments so that active duty and reserve servicemembers know what they can and must expect.

Working to keep the

By Senior Airman Brok McCarthy
Photos by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

A piece of equipment not being able to connect to the network can be as trivial as someone not being able to see tonight's dinner menu or as critical as preventing a scheduled sortie from occurring, but it's up to the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron network management shop to ensure the network is working for everyone, no matter what the need.

"We are responsible for the (non-secure internet protocol router network)

and (secure internet protocol router network) base wide, the commercial (network) and the flight line (network)," said Staff Sgt. Adam Grow, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron network technician. "Anything you use a computer for, it rides over our lines and equipment."

He said the daily workload for the 15-person shop varies, but they normally are kept busy with new installs and solving connectivity issues for users.

"We do activations for new users, anytime a switch goes down or someone loses their connectivity, the work ticket comes to us and we go fix it," Sergeant

Grow, a Hamden, Ohio native who's deployed here from Yakota Air Base, Japan, said. "It doesn't matter which unit the ticket comes from, we fix it, whether it be Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, (or coalition partners)."

Most often, the trouble tickets network management personnel work on are opening ports, either new ports in dorm rooms, or from people tripping port security by trying to connect a computer to a network jack other than the one it's currently connected to.

The order in which trouble tickets are resolved is based on which type of network the connection is on, with the



Senior Airman Johnny Flores, and Staff Sgt. Phillip Hoggartt, Network Managers from the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, install a wire test switch Thursday. The test switch will help determine the expansion capability of the network here. Airman Flores is native to Houston Texas, and is deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. and Sergeant Hoggartt is from Clovis, N.M. and deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan.

e base connected



Staff Sgt. Adam Grow, a Network Manager with the 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, positions an antenna over the base during a test here Thursday. Sergeant Grow is deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan.

secure network being the highest priority and the commercial wireless being the lowest.

"The commercial wireless is bottom priority," Sergeant Grow said. "Problems come up with it, and we do our best to get it fixed, but if anything else comes up, the wireless is moved to the bottom of the list, it's just not as important as the mission."

He also noted when people are unable to connect to the wireless at Freedom Pavilion or at the Blatchford-Preston Complex base exchange area, the likely cause is there are too many people connected, not that people are using too much bandwidth; each access point has a limited number of IP addresses it can give out, so someone would have to disconnect from the network in order for someone else to connect.

Along with working trouble tickets,

network management is responsible for installing and maintaining all network switches on base, and as the base transitions from expeditionary to enduring, the number of switches needing to be installed and maintained is growing.

"We get new projects just about every day," said Senior Airman Johnny Flores, 379 ECS network technician, who's deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. "The base is expanding so it needs (additional communications abilities)."

The Houston native said some of the more recent projects worked on include expanding capabilities of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 763 Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and RED HORSE. They have also been working on installing capabilities in the new Special Operations Command building.

The time each installation takes varies based on how many internet protocol connections the building will need and how much the requirements change before the installation is complete.

"If everything goes extremely smoothly, we could probably do a single switch install in four to six hours," Sergeant Grow said. "If everything doesn't go so smooth, it could take weeks."

Overall though, he said, the job is rewarding, knowing how much of an impact the shop has on the wing's mission.

"Our job is very fast paced and you get a great sense of accomplishment whenever you go out and fix user's equipment so they can keep accomplishing the mission," said Sergeant Grow. "Some of these guys, if they don't have access to a system they use, planes aren't going to fly, so to get them back online is a nice feeling."

Pitfalls of using government cell phones

By Master Sgt. Mikal Canfield
Combined Air Operations Center

A recent 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron audit of official cell phone use revealed many abuses here, including one bill for approximately \$4,600 charged to just one phone.

"The most flagrant case of misuse involved a contractor with a government-issued cell phone," said Lt. Col. Eric Turner, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron commander. "The cell phone bill totaled 71 hours of use over a three-month period for a total cost of approximately \$4,600 U.S. dollars."

According to the audit, this particular phone was used to place calls to Germany, the United Kingdom and several U.S. states. The individual who made them was required to reimburse the government \$3,600 for the unauthorized calls.

"Unofficial use of government cell phones is unauthorized and anybody responsible for misuse will be held responsible for any charges that occur as a result of misuse," Colonel Turner added.

Currently there are 1,400 government-furnished cellular phones on base. Although the case above may highlight

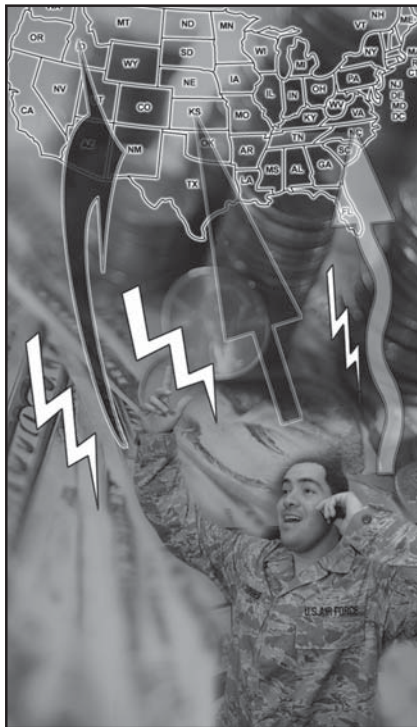


Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia

an extreme example of misuse, it does bring to light a need for base members to ensure they are aware of the policy regarding use of official cell phones.

According to the government contract, "This equipment and service will be for official and task-order related (including the Contractor's Home Office) calls only. Personal calls will be made at the expense of the caller or in accordance with established morale call policies."

One of the most important things for people to remember about official cell phone use is that there are other options for making official calls.

"People should consider using alternatives, such as land lines and Land Mobile Radios, which are more secure than mobile phones," said Capt. Joel Bolina, 379th ECES.

According to Lt. Col. William Sitzabee, 379th ECES deputy commander, adhering to the rules regarding official cell phone use is the right thing to do.

"Like any government asset we have a responsibility to our tax payers and should avoid abusing official cell phones the way we would avoid abusing any other piece of equipment," he said. "Personnel will be held accountable for misuse and will be required to pay for unofficial calls."

For more information on official use of government cell phones, call 436-0880.

Man on the Street

How did it feel to watch the inauguration from a deployed location?



**Senior Airman
Llyod Harlston**
379th ECES

"The best thing overall was that it felt good to be a part of it, and it was nice to see a fellow Chicagoan and fellow African American take office, I wish him the best."

**Airman 1st Class
San Nicolas**
379th EFSS

"I felt a sense of pride and confidence, that change will come to our country while it is needed. Being deployed, I felt I was a bigger part of the whole picture where we as Americans are aiding in changing the free world."



**1st Lt.
Kevin Thomas**
340th EARS

"It was amazing to me because what other country in the world can have military members watch TV from so far away and witness the seamless transition of power?"

**Tech. Sgt.
Kelly Allen**
609th AOC

"It was a very historical moment and an eloquent speech. It was different from not being there but the camaraderie of watching it together was nostalgic, to say the least."



**Airman 1st Class
Kevin Lamb**
609th Air
Operations Center

"It's neat to see the change of power, opening people's minds, and it's cool to be able to see it from a deployed location"



COURTESY PHOTO

Tech. Sgt. David Zambruski

64th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron
Fire Team Leader and Installation Patrolman

Hometown: St. Louis

Home station: 131st Security Forces Squadron,
Missouri Air National Guard

Arrived in AOR: November

Deployment goals: Make a positive impact on our mission, complete NCO academy career development courses and ensure all of us get home safely.

Best part of the deployment: The swimming pool!

Hobbies: Golfing, participating in physical fitness, listening to music, going to church and spending time with family

Best Air Force memory: Home-comings after long deployments

Master Sgt. Bob Russell, Jr.

746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron
Squadron Superintendent

Hometown: Bossier City, La.

Home station: Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Arrived in AOR: October

Deployment goals: Study for promotion, expand my knowledge base of the C-130J and lose weight.

Best part of the deployment: Meeting up with four people who I haven't seen for almost 10 years when I got here. I was able to eat Christmas dinner with one of them, and we had a nice time reminiscing.

Hobbies: Motorcycling and fishing

Best Air Force memory: Spending a week down in Asunción, Paraguay waiting for a Maintenance Repair Team to arrive and fix our plane.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. JOSHUA GARCIA



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ANDREW SATRAN

Airman 1st Class Michael Lilly

379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron
Aviation Resource Manager

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Home station: Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Arrived in AOR: September

Deployment goals: To become a better leader, run 250 miles, and finish up a few college classes.

Best part of the deployment: Working to complete the mission with the multi-national Air Force's deployed here; the integration of our assets in war is an impact that is quite amazing.

Hobbies: Lifting weights, reading, cooking and drawing.

Best Air Force memory: Meeting my wife, a fellow Airman, while stationed at Pope Air Force Base.

Keeping aircraft



The 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron's Maintenance Operations Center is constantly busy with personnel updating the status of aircraft and directing the flow of maintenance. Each deployed flying squadron has representatives in the MOC to handle their unit's particular assets. (Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia)

By Airman 1st Class
Jennifer Herring
Photos by Staff Sgt.
Joshua Garcia
379th Expeditionary
Wing Public Affairs

Sitting in a dimly lit room, Master Sgt. Anthony Briody prepares his controllers for the daily maintenance operations needed to support the mission of the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron.

The Maintenance Operations Center, or MOC, monitors, coordinates and tracks every aspect of air-

craft sortie production within the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

"The MOC is all things maintenance," said Sergeant Briody, MOC superintendent. "We either gas it, move it, find it or fix it."

The primary mission of the MOC is to ensure sortie generation continues by implementing daily flying and maintenance schedules to keep the aircraft in the air. These schedules ensure each flight has all the necessary tools needed to complete its mission.

The MOC is also instrumental in munitions movement as well as fuel load-

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We have controllers from ten different bases facilitating the maintenance, upkeep and mission gathering for all these different platforms. No other base in the world does what we do.

Master Sgt. Anthony Briody,
379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron
maintenance operations center superintendent

ing and unloading.

"We track forty percent of air power in the area of responsibility," said Sergeant Briody, deployed from Langley Air Force

Base. "It's crucial for commanders to know exactly what their aircraft are capable of."

The MOC incorporates several different career

ready to fly 24/7



Tech. Sgt. Darrell Johnson, the Maintenance Operations Center Weapons System Senior Controller with the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron, initiates an emergency action checklist for an in-flight emergency here Thursday. Sergeant Johnson is originally from Richmond, Va. and is deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

fields to get the job done. MOC senior coordinator, Tech. Sgt. Bryon Ruble said, "Everyone working here develops a broader perspective on just what it takes to keep the aircraft operational."

The MOC facilitates maintenance requests from coalition forces as well.

"Coordination is the key when working with coalition forces," said Sergeant Ruble, deployed from Minot Air Force Base. "We bring everyone's different knowledge to the table to make the mission run."

On a daily basis, the MOC provides more than 100 maintenance status updates which are in turn utilized by the combined air operations center, the wing commander and maintenance group commander. These updates provide a working knowledge of the base's flying capabilities and serve as a crucial tool in mission readiness.

"We're tasked to provide timely, accurate and actionable maintenance for

the 379th, CAOC and air tasking order," said Sergeant Briody.

With the central job of ensuring aircraft can continue to fly, the MOC is a constant hub of activity.

"We have controllers from ten different bases facilitating the maintenance, upkeep and mission gathering for all these different platforms," said Sergeant Briody. "No other base in the world does what we do."

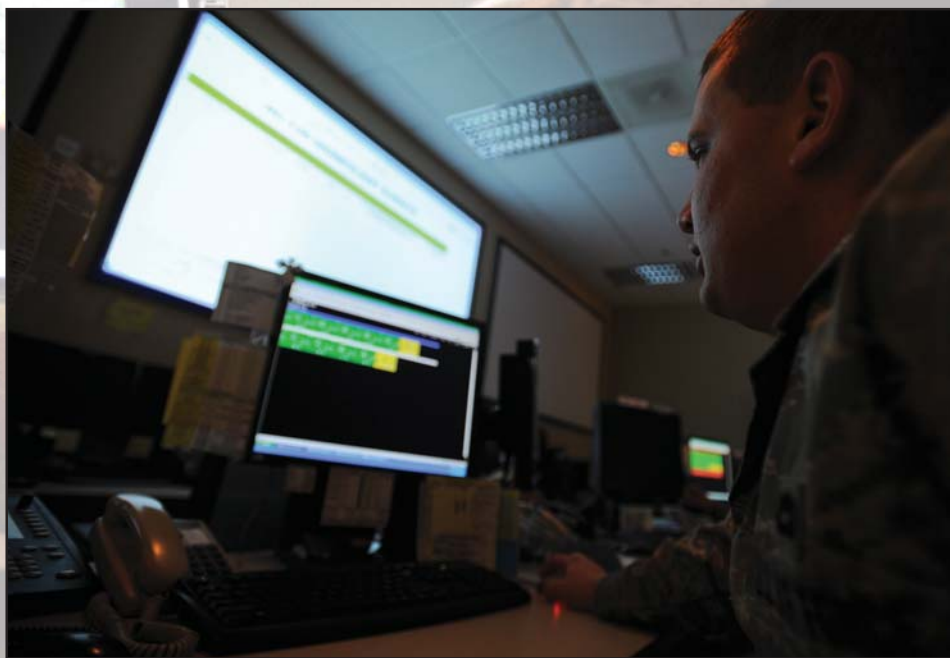
In order to provide up-to-date information of the aircraft, the MOC tracks aircraft status 24-7. The last air expeditionary force rotation alone dropped 151 munitions and 150 million pounds of fuel were unloaded. The MOC tracked fifty aircraft and five mission design series squad-

rons flew 7,900 sorties and accumulated more than 36,000 flight hours.

"Everything that goes to the flight line comes through us," said Sergeant Ruble. "We make sure the aircraft are ready to go and ready to fight and win."

With so many different responsibilities, life inside the MOC can become stressful. Sergeant Briody and his team take it all in stride though. Earning a 98 percent maintenance mission effectiveness rate during their rotation, they understand their job is critical and strive to exceed expectations on a daily basis.

"Someone is counting on you downrange to get the job done," said Sergeant Briody. "Day in and day out, we meet the mission 100 percent."



Senior Airman Robert Brushel, an RC-135 Weapons System Controller from the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron, changes the status of an aircraft at the Maintenance Operations Center here Thursday. By updating the status of the aircraft, Airman Brushel is able to track if it is mission capable or not. Airman Brushel is originally from Denver and is deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Ops Town

Manhattan DFAC

Midnight – 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Breakfast – 5 to 8 a.m.
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner – 5 to 8 p.m.
Grab & Go – 24 hours
Green Bean Coffee – 24 hours
PERSCO – 24 hours
Shoppette – 24 hours

Blatchford-Preston Complex

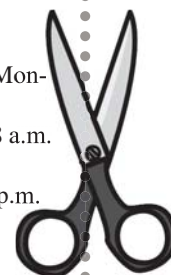
Barber Shop/Stylique Salon – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
BPC Lodging – 6 a.m. to midnight
Blue Salon Jewelry & Watches – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Base Exchange – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Charley's Grilled Subs – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Community Activity Center – 24 hours
Dining facility
Breakfast – 6 to 8:30 a.m.
Lunch – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner – 6 to 9 p.m.
Education center – 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday
Gym – 24 hours

Lap pool – 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Movie theater – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily
Post office – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jump Asian Express – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Popeyes chicken – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Starbucks Coffee – 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Coalition Compound

Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. other days
Airman Readiness Center – 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday
Alterations – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Al-Rayyan Jewelry and Gifts – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Barber shop – 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Beauty shop – 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Burgery King – 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
BX – 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Victory Chapel – 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
CAC – 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.
Dairy Queen – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Desert Eagle Lounge – 7:30 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.
Independence DFAC – 24 hours
Dry cleaning – 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Dunkin Donuts – 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Baskin Robbins – 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Finance – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
Basketball court – 24 hours
Cardio room – 24 hours
Weight room – 24 hours
Jack's Place chapel annex – 24 hours
Konouzi Tailor Shop – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Laundry service – 24 hours
Learning Resource Center – midnight to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to midnight
Lonestar's Gift Shop – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Media center – 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 a.m.
Movie theater – 24 hours
Pizza Hut – 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
Pool – 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Monday
Post office mail and registry – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Post office finance – 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Subway – 10 a.m. to midnight
The Coffee Beanery – 24 hours
Top's Gift Shop – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



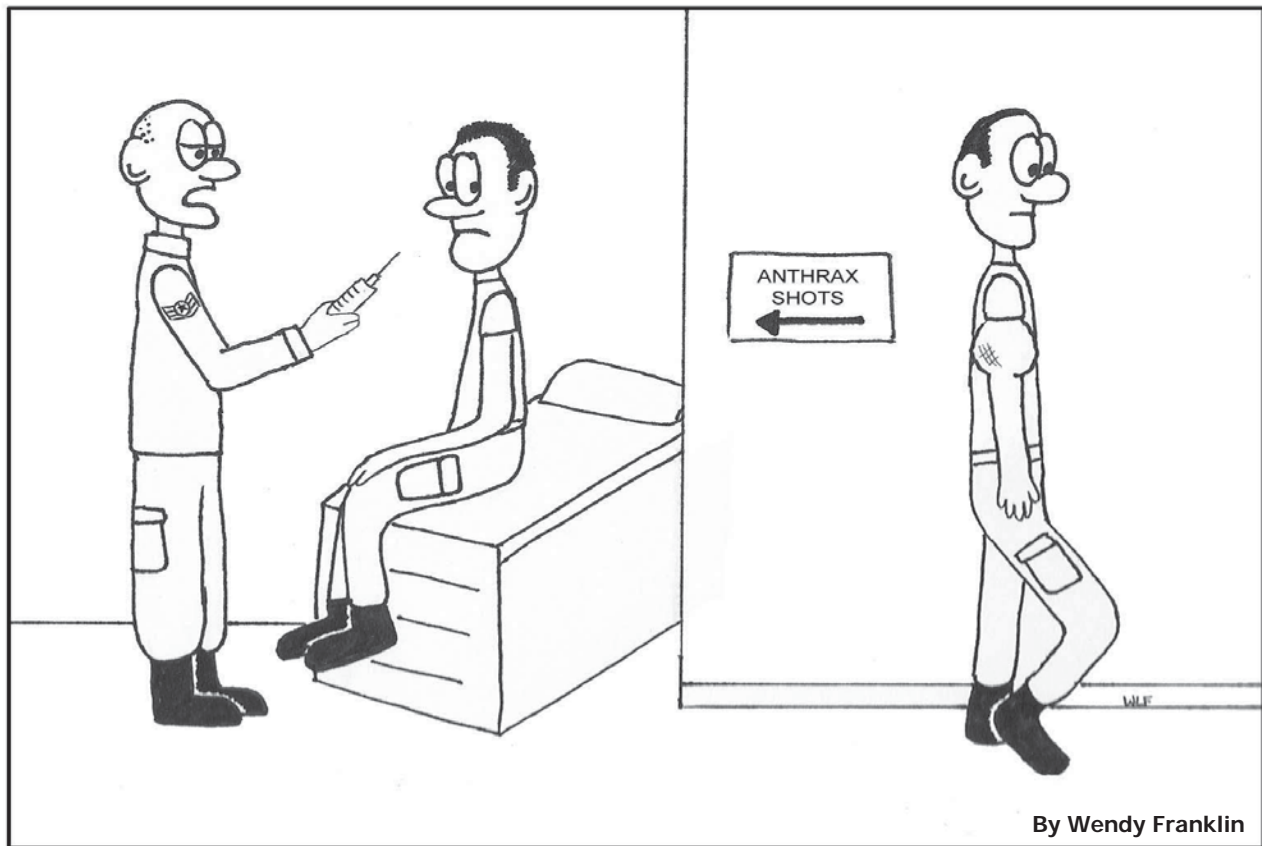
BPC Gym Aerobic Schedule

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| Today 9 a.m., Spin 7 p.m., Capoeira | 8 p.m., Spin 8 p.m., Salsa 9 p.m., Kickboxing |
| Monday 6 a.m., Yogilates 8:30 a.m., Swim lessons 2 p.m., Spin 7 p.m., Git R Done Abs 7:30 p.m., Hamover Abs 8 p.m., Spin 8 p.m., Salsa 9 p.m., Kickboxing | Thursday 6 a.m., Power Yoga 6 p.m., Hatha Yoga 7 p.m., Capoeira 8 p.m., Spin 8 p.m., Extreme Circuit 9 p.m., Swing Dance |
| Tuesday 6 a.m., Power Yoga 6 p.m., Hatha Yoga 7 p.m., Capoeira 8 p.m., Spin 8 p.m., Extreme Circuit 9 p.m., Warrior Abs | Friday 6 a.m., Power Yoga 2 p.m., Spin 7 p.m., Git R Done Abs 7:30 p.m., Hamover Abs 8 p.m., Salsa 8 p.m., Warrior Abs 9 p.m., Kickboxing |
| Wednesday 8:30 a.m., Swim Lessons 2 p.m., Spin 7 p.m., Git R Done Abs 7:30 p.m., Hamover Abs | Saturday 8:30 a.m., Swim Lessons 2 p.m., Spin 7 p.m., Capoeira 8 p.m., Salsa 9 p.m., Merengue |

CC Gym Aerobic Schedule

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| Today 7 p.m., Basic Abs 7:45 p.m., Spin and Juice 9 p.m., Warrior Abs | 12:30 p.m., Judo 6 p.m., Core Conditioning 7:45 p.m., Spin & Juice |
| Monday 5 a.m., Total Body and Abs 6 a.m., Aussie Spin 12:30 p.m., Judo 7 p.m., Circuit Training | Thursday 1 p.m., Spin Your Class Off 7 p.m., Basic Abs 8 p.m., Circuit Training 9 p.m., Jiu-Jitsu |
| Tuesday 1 p.m., Spin Your Class Off 6 p.m., Pump it up 7 p.m., Basic Abs 7:45 p.m., Spin and Juice 9 p.m., Jiu-Jitsu | Friday 5 a.m., Total Body and Abs 6 a.m., Aussie PT (Gym) 12:30 p.m., Judo 6 p.m., Hardcore Abs 7:45 p.m., Spin and Juice |
| Wednesday 5 a.m., Total Body and Abs 6 a.m., Aussie PT (Gym) | Saturday 1 p.m., Spin your class off 9 p.m., Jiu-Jitsu |

To see other events and activities offered by the 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, visit it's Web site at: <https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/AFCENT/WINGS/379/EMSG/EFSS/Pages/379EFSSkw.aspx>



By Wendy Franklin

"Now, there might be a slight swelling after this..."

This Week's Caption Contest



Photo No. 111

The winner is...

"Phew, you do NOT want to go in there. "
- Anonymous

Honorable mention:

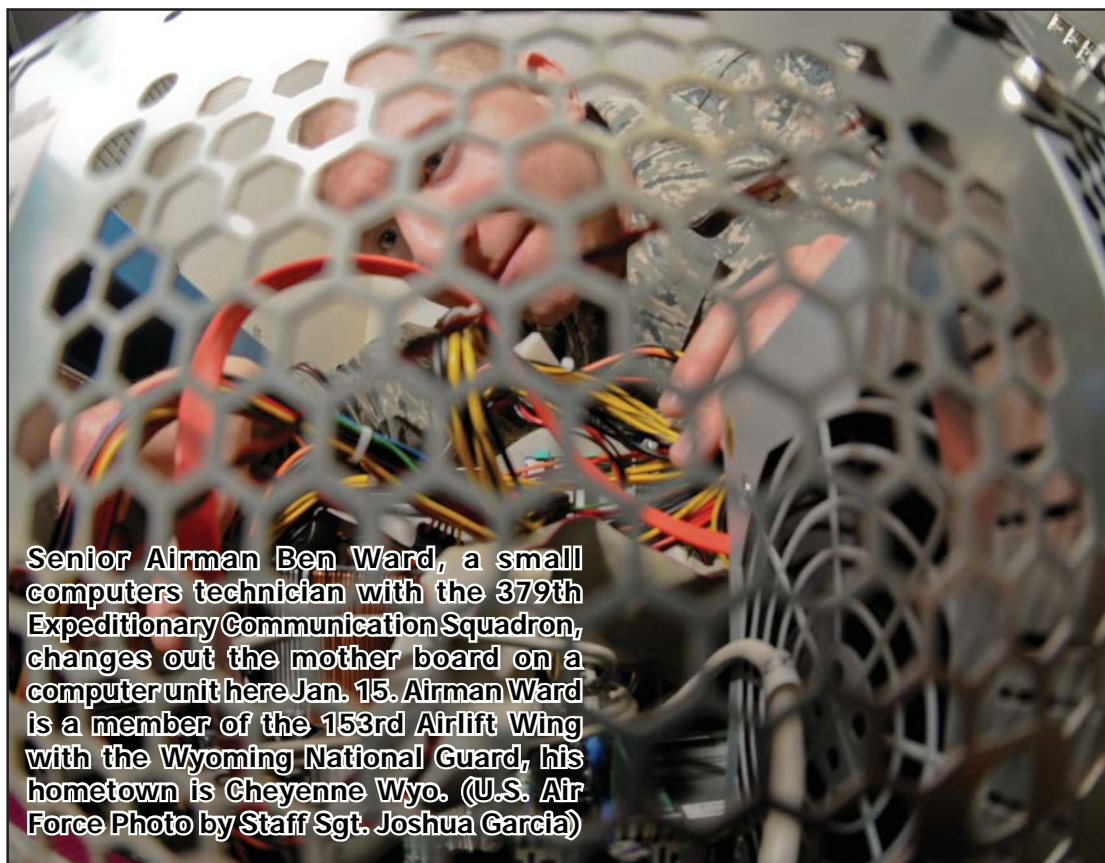
"Badges? We don't need no stinkin' badges!"
- Anonymous

Do you have what it takes to make the base chuckle? Submit your made-up caption to the photo below to 379AEW.PA@auab.afcent.af.mil by Wednesday. If your caption is the best (or second best), it will appear in the following week's paper.

Think you take funnier photos than we do? Submit them to 379AEW.PA@auab.afcent.af.mil and we'll use them, assuming you didn't bruise our photographers' egos too much.



Photo No. 112 (next week's photo)



Senior Airman Ben Ward, a small computers technician with the 379th Expeditionary Communication Squadron, changes out the mother board on a computer unit here Jan. 15. Airman Ward is a member of the 153rd Airlift Wing with the Wyoming National Guard, his hometown is Cheyenne Wyo. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia)

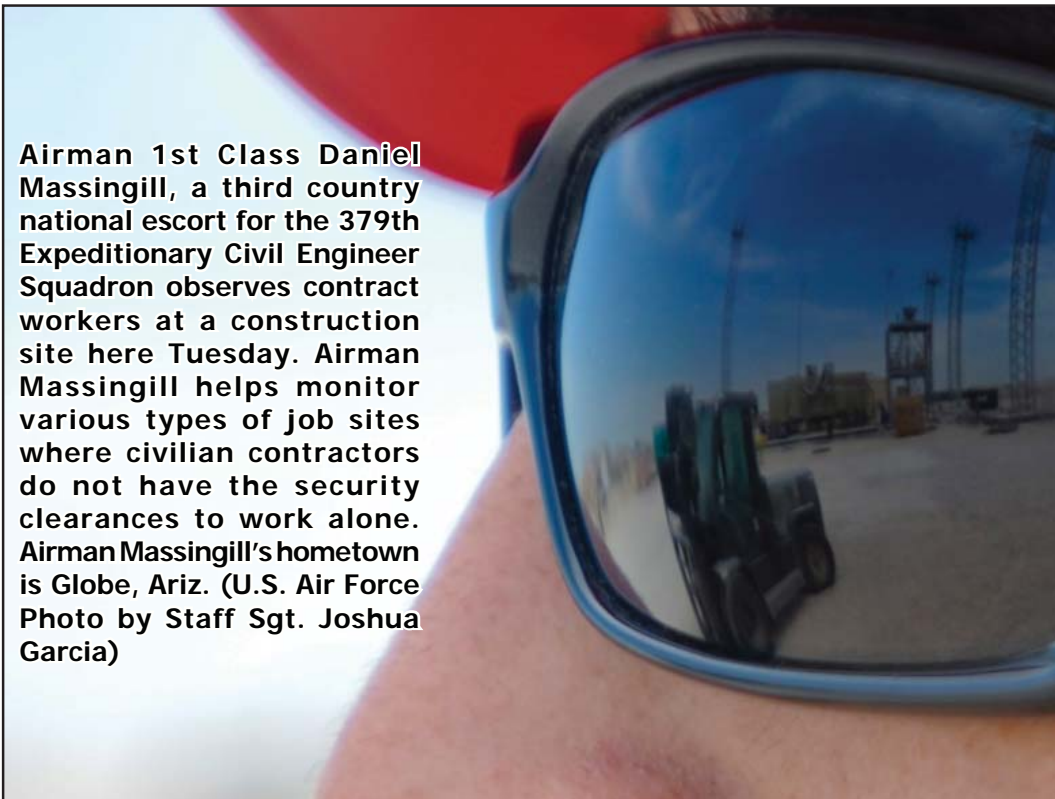


Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Fournier, 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, briefs General Roger Brady, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and Maj. Gen. William Chambers, Air and Space Operations Director at Headquarters, USAFE, here Jan. 15. General Brady met with many Airmen and visited numerous sites around the base. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Satran)





Airman 1st Class Daniel Massingill, a third country national escort for the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron observes contract workers at a construction site here Tuesday. Airman Massingill helps monitor various types of job sites where civilian contractors do not have the security clearances to work alone. Airman Massingill's hometown is Globe, Ariz. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia)



LEFT: Technical Sergeant Nysheema Lett, a 379th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, inspects the Weather Flight's Tactical Meteorological System for wear here Tuesday. The system is on stand-by in case the primary meteorological tools shut down. The information provided from the tools and weather observations provide aviators and the base with vital information for aviation planning and safety of all personnel. Sergeant Lett hails from Philadelphia, Pa. and is deployed from Sembach Air Base, Germany. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Satran)



Senior Airman Kenneth Fowler, a C-17 Crew Chief with the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron, assists an aircraft to taxi out to the ramp for departure here Jan. 16. Airman Fowler hails from Danville, Va. and is deployed from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Satran)



VICTORY CHAPEL

Open seven days a week,
24 hours a day,
'And overtime on Sundays'

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Protestant - Saturday

7:30 p.m., Contemporary, sanctuary

Protestant - Sunday

9 a.m., Orthodox, multi-purpose room

9:45 a.m., Contemporary, sanctuary

9:45 a.m., General Protestant, CAOC second floor conference room

11:30 a.m., Church of Christ, sanctuary

1:30 p.m., Liturgical, multi-purpose room

1:30 p.m., LDS, sanctuary

4 p.m., Traditional Protestant, sanctuary

7:30 p.m., Gospel worship, sanctuary

Roman Catholic Mass

Daily Mass Monday to Friday

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturday Mass

8:30 p.m., Reconciliation

9:15 p.m., Mass at Victory Chapel

Sunday Masses

8 a.m., Mass, sanctuary

11 a.m., Mass, CAOC second floor conference room

5:15 p.m., Reconciliation, priest's office

6 p.m., Mass, sanctuary



Phone 437-8811

For more information, look on
the base Web site
under CC Corner/Chapel

Joint force service: Army chaplain assistant

Born in Bristol, Pa.,

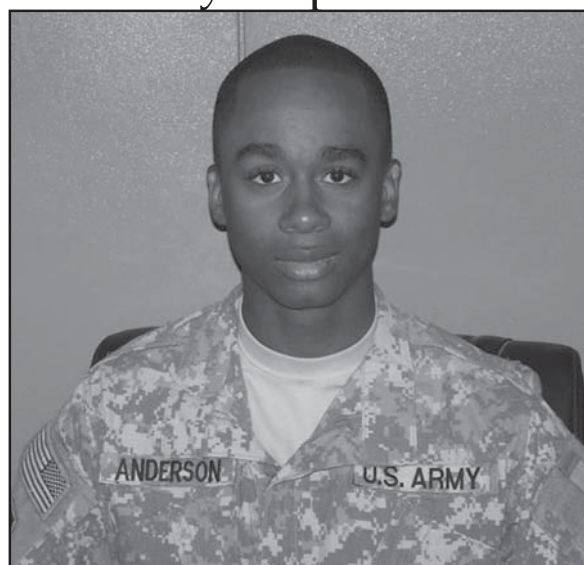
Pvt. Jason Anderson spent most of his childhood in Bladensburg Woods, Md. He later moved to Florida and graduated high school in Ocala.

As a young man, Private Anderson desired to join to be an Army chaplain assistant and to one day go to school to become a chaplain, though he is also considering joining Army special forces as a medic.

Private Anderson, who is based at Fort Bliss, Texas, said, "The best thing about being an Army chaplain assistant is all the traveling."

His unit, 2-43rd Air Defense Artillery, is split up at bases throughout the region.

"We visit our troops,



Pvt. Jason Anderson

conduct religious classes, baptize, counsel and ensure that the morale and spiritual well-being of Soldiers and the chain of command is at an all time

ready."

Private Anderson is an integral member of the Victory Chapel Team, providing continuity on his 15-month deployment.

Religious education classes offered at Victory Chapel

Christian

- That the World May Know
- Women of Virtue
- Creating God Space
- Midweek Bible Study
- Men of Integrity

Buddhist

- Buddhist Learning Group

Islamic

- Islamic Studies

Jewish

- Jewish Studies

To obtain a list of classes offered, you can click on the highlighted link under "Chapel Schedule" in the Desert Eagle Dispatch (email) or visit <https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/afcent/wings/379/SPSTF/hc/Pages/HCKw.aspx>

Jack's Place welcomes all

Jack's Place is a volunteer-run facility, monitored by chapel-core personnel, which provides U.S. and coalition servicemembers of all religions a quiet, wholesome place to relax, study, read and meet with friends while enjoying refreshments.

The building includes amenities such as a stocked game room, free selected

toiletries, magazine racks, snacks and a free book exchange.

Since Jack's Place is part of the chapel, there is also a variety of free religious reading materials. There are also computers for personal use.

For more information or to volunteer to work at Jack's Place, call the Victory Chapel at 437-8811.

Upcoming AAHM activities

The African American Heritage Month committee is putting on the following events in February:

- **Renaissance Night.** An evening of poetry, jazz and other musical selections in appreciation of the "Harlem Renaissance." Auditions will be Feb. 3 from 10-11 a.m. and Feb. 4 from 7:30-9 p.m. The event will be Feb. 6, 8 p.m. at the Blantchford-Preston Complex Kimbolton Hall.

- **Motown and Friends Karaoke Review.**

Feb. 13, 8 p.m. at Memorial Plaza

- **African American Heritage Trivia Night.**

Feb. 20, 8 p.m. at the Desert Eagle Lounge.

- **What if There Were No Black People?** A dramatic enactment of Barbara Leahy's poem, "What if There Were No Black People," a poem about the contributions African American's have made throughout history. Feb. 27, 8 p.m. at the BPC Kimbolton Hall.

For more information or to register for an event, contact Staff Sgt. Kellie Babino at 436-0689 or e-mail kellie.babino@auab.afcent.af.mil.

January tobacco cessation

The Tobacco Cessation Program will have the following sessions in January:

Morning session, 8-9 a.m. Tuesday

Evening session: 5-6 p.m. Thursday

The sessions will be held at the Mental Health Clinic (Bldg. 10090, located in the Coalition Compound). The program focuses on the behavioral changes needed to increase long-term abstinence from tobacco products. It is a group-processcentered class that incorporates behavioral change with nicotine replacement therapy. Participants may attend either the morning or evening sessions. Attendees must complete all four modules. To sign up, call Master Sgt. Fernando Richards at 437-8767.

UMUC registration begins

University of Maryland University College course registration is now open for the Spring 1 semester. Courses are taught on base by UMUC faculty members. Classes are available in most categories: math, English, speech, social science, humanities, management and upper-level Spanish and German. Classes begin Monday.

All military branches and civilian and contractor Department of Defense ID card holders can be UMUC students. Registration is open until classes are full. Seats are limited to only 18 students per class. Contact Susan Cleveland for information on becoming a UMUC student and registering in class. For more information, call 437-0077 or e-mail susan.cleveland@auab.afcent.af.mil.

Leave for family members

Under a new provision of the Family and Medical Leave Act, family members of deployed Guard and Reserve servicemembers who work for public agencies or private sector employees are eligible to take up to 12 weeks of un-paid leave to attend activities that have come up because of the servicemember's deployment. These include childcare issues, family services sponsored events, financial and legal mat-

Safety Snapshot

"Look before backing ... the rear-end of the vehicle may not be the only thing you save."

ters, counseling and homecoming ceremonies. Family members may also take up to five days off to spend time with a servicemember home on short-term rest and relaxation leave.

At present, these rules do not apply to the families of active duty members.

For more information and specific rules regarding the program, go to <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/fmla/finalrule/MilitaryFAQs.pdf> or visit the legal office.

Traveling around the AOR

All military and civilian personnel forward deploying or traveling to other bases within the area of responsibility are required to process through Public Health prior to departure. Public Health will review your immunization record, provide a country specific medical intelligence briefing, and go over force health protection measures. As a reminder, many areas in the AOR require anti-malarial medication on a year-round basis. It is important to start this medication one or two weeks prior to departure. For additional information, call 437-4245.

Desert 5 scholarship

If you are currently enrolled in classes, you may be eligible for a one-time grant of \$100 provided by the Desert 5. This grant, open to select E-1 through E-5 members, is structured to provide assistance for enlisted members dealing with the financial burden of a college degree program. For more information, visit the Desert 5 website located on the intranet.

Clothing needed

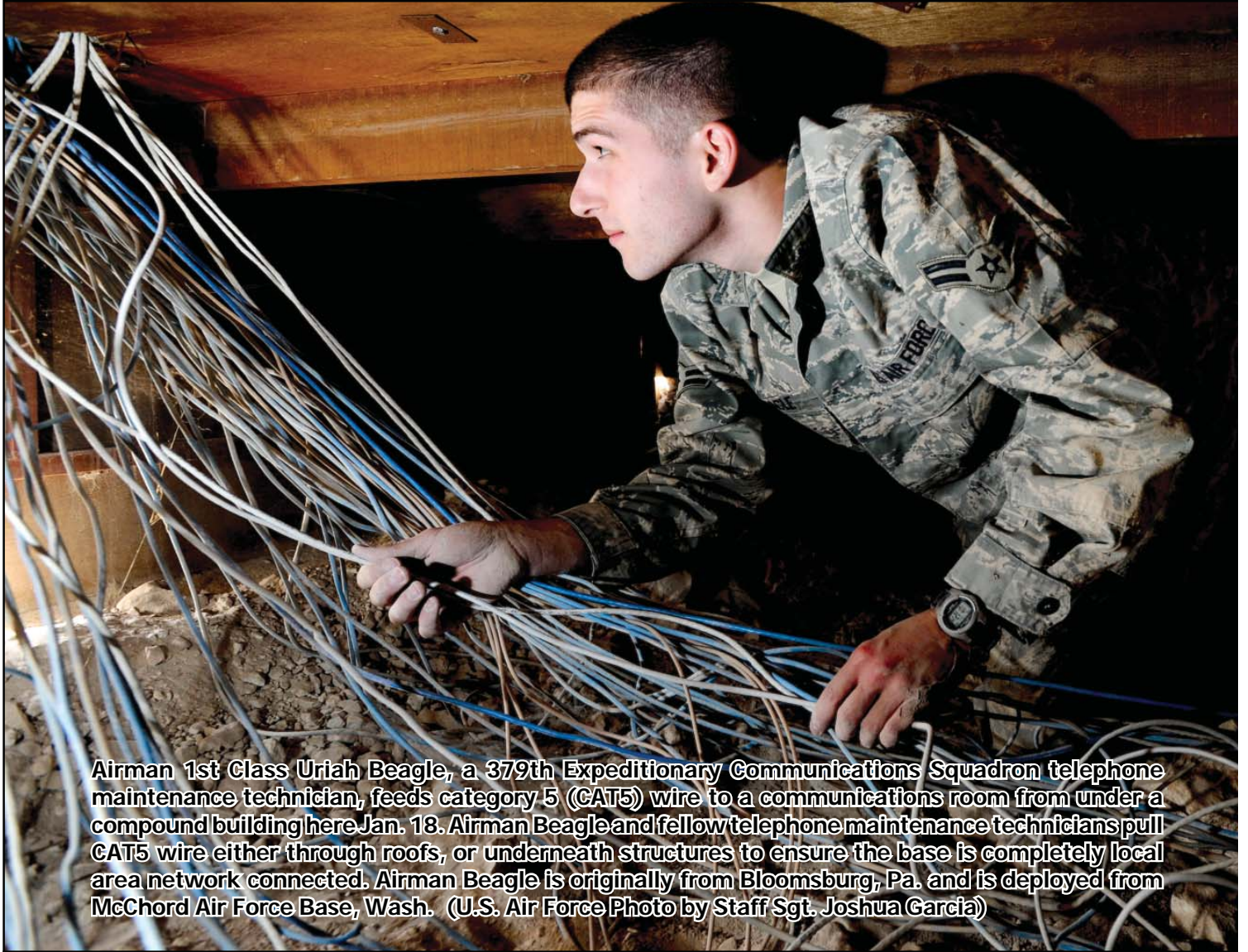
The 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron and Personnel Support for Contingency Operations facility needs clean civilian clothing items. The clothing items are provided to members of all branches of service who are traveling home on emergency leave. Servicemembers departing Southwest Asia on commercial flights must be in civilian attire.

Bring all donations to the 379 EFSS/PERSCO, Bldg. 3979, in Ops Town. For questions, call Master Sgt. Heather Hughes at 437-3058.

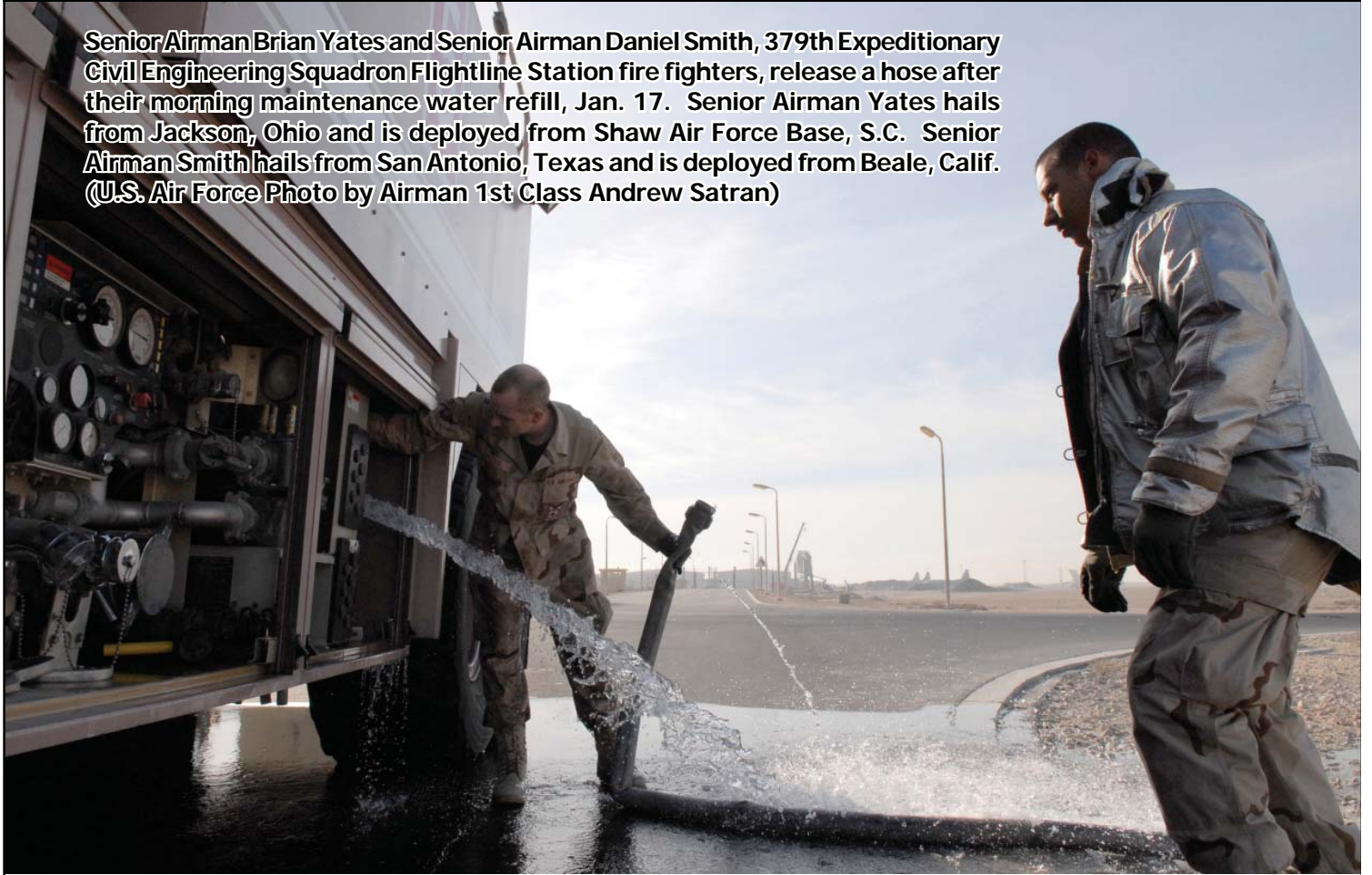


For a list of menus, movies and more, visit the 379th EFSS internal homepage or watch read the Desert Eagle Dispatch.

<https://my.afcent.af.mil/e/AFCENT/WINGS/379/EMSG/EFSS/Pages/379EFSSkw.aspx>



Airman 1st Class Uriah Beagle, a 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron telephone maintenance technician, feeds category 5 (CAT5) wire to a communications room from under a compound building here Jan. 18. Airman Beagle and fellow telephone maintenance technicians pull CAT5 wire either through roofs, or underneath structures to ensure the base is completely local area network connected. Airman Beagle is originally from Bloomsburg, Pa. and is deployed from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia)



Senior Airman Brian Yates and Senior Airman Daniel Smith, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Flightline Station fire fighters, release a hose after their morning maintenance water refill, Jan. 17. Senior Airman Yates hails from Jackson, Ohio and is deployed from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Senior Airman Smith hails from San Antonio, Texas and is deployed from Beale, Calif. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew Satran)